Ban on using Port Facilities by Private Kerosene Importers

*539. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will be Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether is is a fact that the private marketeers importing kerosene have been banned from using port facilities of Public Sector Oil Companies;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the said ban is proposed to be lifted?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Illegal Slaughter of Animals in Ghaziabad

*540. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be plesed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is large scale Illegal slaughter of animals in and around Ghaziabad, as reported in the 'Times of India' dated 15th June, 1998;

(b) whether the blood of these slaughtered animals shows up in gutters and even in drinking water;

(c) whether in addition to this, the slaughter of animals attracts big birds which prove hazardous for planes; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) Slaughter of animils is a state subject. The Municipal Corporation of Ghaziabad has intimated that a few cases of illegal slaughtering of large animals have been reported in and around Ghaziabad and First Information Reports on 6th March, 1998 and 18th June, 1998 have been lodged by the Municipal CorporationAughorities in Police Station, Sahibabad for illegal slaughtering of animals. The Corporation has also intimated that blood of slaughtered animals has not shown up in gutters or in drinking water.

(c) The carcasses of dead animals and offals of large slaughtered animils attract bigar birds which prove hazardous to aircrafts.

(d) Tenders for the establishment of a Carcass Utilisation Plant with financial assistance from the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India have been finalised by the Nager Nigam, Ghaziabad. The work on the Project is likely to commence in the near future. This Ministry is also actively examining, in consultation with the State Government, and the Nagar Nigam, a proposal for establishing a Modern slaugherhouse at Ghaziabad during the Ninth Five Year Plan.

A Solid Waste Treatment Plant is also proposed to be established near Ghaziabad with the assistance of the Central Government.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Sale of Spurious Fertilisers

3986. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the sale of spurious fertilisers is rampant in various parts of the country and specially in Bihar; and

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been conducted to ascertain the factual position in this regard and if so, the details thereof and what are the names of such dealers/ manufacturers and the action taken against each?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) The State Government are primarily responsible for implementaion of the provisions of the Fertilizer (Control) Order 1985, intended to ensure that only fertiliser meeting the standards of quality laid down in the order is sold in the country. While some cases of sale of non-standard (including spurious) fertilisers are reported from different parts of the country, including Bihar, the quantity of fertilisers involved in such cases is very small, taking into account, the quantity of 360 lakh tonnes of fertilisers consumed in the country in 1997-98. During 1996-97, 77028 number of samples were analysed in different fertiliser testing laboratories in the country out of which 5.52% of the samples were found